

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate claim 1, and claim 12 has been amended so that it does not depend from canceled claims.

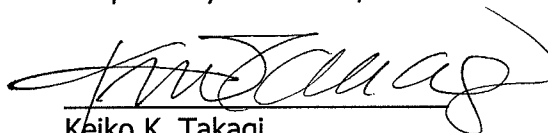
The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-6 and 8-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1.

Entry of the above amendments and allowance of claims 3-6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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